only by the State Trading Corporation of India (STC), under Open General Licence, on the basis of foreign exchange released by the Government in its favour. Imports, distribution and pricing will be made by the STC as per the connected policy of Government in the Ministry , of Indusry."

(b) STC, as canalising agency, were authorised to import for the year 1983-84 five lakh metric tonnes of grey cement and six thousand metric tonnes of white cement.

(c) The production of white cement during the year 1983-84 was about 83,000 metric tonnes. However, on the basis of indents placed on the canalising, agency (STC) by the actual' users, it was found necessary to import 6,000 metric tonnes on one-time basis to meet the gap between demand and supply. Accordingly, STC were authorised to import six thousand metric tonnes of white cement, against the year 1983-84, to meet the requirements of the actual users registered with STC, •-preference being given to export-oriented units.

Letters of Intent for setting up industries in the States

626. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Letters of Intent issued for setting up industries in Bihar and other States during the financial year 1988-89; State-wise; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to remove the industrial backwardness of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A total number of 22 Letters of Intent have been issued during the financial year 1988-89 for setting up industries in Bihar State. A statement showing the State-wise position of grant of Letters of Intent during the year 1988-89 is attached. *(See* below)

(b) Entrepreneurs setting up industries in centrally declared backward areas are eligible for priority in licensing, concessional finance, income-tax exemption, lower export obligation for setting up units for non-Appendix-I industries by MRTP/ FERA companies etc. No licence is required by Non-FERA companies for seting up industries upto an investment limit of Rs. 50 crores in backward areas. An amount of Rs. 14.09 crores has been reimbursed to Bihar as Central Investment Subsidy from the inception of the scheme and upto 31-3-1989.

Statement

State-wise break-up of Letters of Intent (LOIs) Issued during the Financial Year 1988-89

State/Union Territory	1988-89 LOI
1 2	3
1. Andaman & Nicobar Islands . . " .	
2. Andhra Pradesh.	108
3. Arunachal Pradesh	² ▪
4. Assam , . . .	10
5. Bihar .	22
6. Chandigarh . . .	
7. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2
8. D"m?n&Diu	3
9. Delhi	2
10. Goa .	14
ll.GuJarat	99
12. Haryana .	61
13. Himachal Pradesh	27
14. Jammu & Kashmir	12
15. karnataka	87

1. 2	3
16. Kerala . . .	22
17. Lakshadweep .	..
18, Madhya Pradesh . ,	62
1.9. Maharashtra	222
20. Manipur .	1
21. Meghalaya . . .	
22. Mizoram	
23. Nagaland . .	
24. Orissa	18
23. Pondicherry	6
26. Punjab	51
27. Rajasthan	39
28. SikkJm	
29. Tamil Nadu	119
30. Tripura	1
31. Uttar Pradesh .	176
32. West Bengal .	44
33. State not indicated/ More than one State .	5
TOTAL:	1215

मारुति वाहनों को खरीदने के लिए समय-सीमा

627. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आंवटन नम्बर प्राप्त होने के बाद एक खरीदार, जिसने अपना नाम पंजीकृत करवा रखा है, कितनी अवधि के अन्दर मारुति वाहन खरीद सकता है ; और

(ख) क्या इस संबन्ध में कोई समय सीमा है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री जे० वेंगलराव) : (क) और (ख) ऐसी कोई समय-सीमा नहीं है जिसके दौरान ग्राहक को, जिसका आवंटनमारुति कार के लिए देय हो गया है, अपने वाहन की डिलीवरी लेनी होगी ।

सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र में उपक्रमों के संबंध में श्वेत पत्र

628. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय**: क्या उद्योग मंत्री 21 नवम्बर, 1988 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न 148 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों के संबंध में श्वेत पत्र को अंतिम रूप दे दिया गया है ; और

(ख) इसके संसद के समक्ष कब तक रख दिए जाने की संभावना है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री जे० वेंगल राव) : (क) और (ख) सरकारी क्षेत्र संबन्धी श्वेत पत्र अभी भी सरकार के विचाराधीन है और ज्यों ही इसे अन्तिम रूप दे दिया जायेगा, इसे सभा-पटल पर रख दिया जायेगा ।

National Seminar on Patent Laws

629. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Seminar on Patent Laws was organised by the National Working Group on Patents at Delhi on the 22nd November, 1988 and if so, what were the recommendations made thereat; and

(b) whether Government have accepted these recommendations and if so, what are the details thereof and what follow-up action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The National Working Group on Patent Laws organised a National Seminar